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1. Naumburg a/d Saale

In the period 26-31 May 14,000 Soviet troops arrived in Naumburg. They belonged to infantry, artillery and armored units. The artillery was equipped with medium and heavy field artillery of 102 mm. and 172 mm. caliber, and the armored units with a few light tanks. The average age of the troops was 17-18 and their equipment, clothing and weapons were new.

2. Burg (near Magdeburg)

Three trainloads of armored vehicles left Burg on 30 May destined for Insternburg in East Prussia. More transports of a similar kind were planned for 31 May. The armored vehicles came from the Assault Gun School in Burg.

3. Dresden

In Sternstrasse, Dresden, about 200 troops are billeted in a factory. They are thought to belong to a motorized unit and are equipped with at least twenty-one three-axled trucks

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There are a further twenty-three trucks

the troops were black shoulder straps with red piping and almost new summer uniforms.

The main Komendatura in Dresden is in the Hospitalstrasse and is commanded by Colonel Yushkov.

4. Dresden-Hellerau

There are at present no Soviet troops in Dresden-Hellerau where, until the end of April, thirty T-34 tanks had been parked in the one-time "Festspielhaus".

5. Wilder Mann

A Soviet ration supply depot is situated in the former SS Barracks at Wilder Mann in the outskirts of Dresden.

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6. Nerchau

At Nerchau twenty-four T-34 tanks are parked on the local athletic field.

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Document No. are guarded by Red Army men wearing black shoulder straps with red piping and armored insignia.

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7. Bodenbach
A train carrying forty [redacted] three-axled trucks [redacted] travelled from Bodenbach to Leipzig on 14 May.
8. Eisdorf/Teutschenthal (near Halle)
Between 1 and 8 April a large scale tactical walk involving senior officers of an Army HQ. and staff officers took place in this area. Approximately 1,500 Red Army Officers were present.
9. Freyburg a/d Unstrut
Maneuvers involving three or four divisions ended in this area on 15 May. Entrenchments had been dug in the surrounding woods. Both horse-drawn and tank units were involved. Discipline was [redacted] very poor. 50X1-HUM
10. Halle
A T-34 unit recently arrived in Halle. The tanks were not new. Exercises with thirty-four of these tanks took place near Halle airfield.
11. Bernburg
A large motor fuel dump is located in the local barracks and all Red Army units in the Halle area draw from this dump.
12. Nordhausen
On 12 June twenty-four troops of heavy anti-aircraft guns travelled towards Nordhausen. Their HQ, is in Waldungen, Benneckenstein.
13. Berka
There is an officers' course at Berka which is at present being attended by 400 officers and 2,600 reserve officers. The courses are conducted by a certain Major Chanin. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
14. Magdeburg
Since the 33rd Motorized Division left Magdeburg some time ago, a new infantry division has been stationed in the area. The troops have been quartered in local barracks, schools and private houses. At present, accommodation is still being changed and it is not yet possible to give an exact breakdown of locations.
15. Zerbst
Red Army motorized troops are located in Zerbst in large numbers. The former Wehrmacht ration depot, which during the war also stocked infantry and AA ammunition and motor fuel, has been strictly guarded by the Soviets during the last four weeks.
16. Roslau
During the second half of May, the barracks in Roslau were occupied by Red Army tank personnel who are still arriving.
17. Güstrow
Since the end of April Güstrow has been cleared of all Red Army troops and HQ's. The troops and tanks concentrated in the Rostocker Chaussee Infantry Barracks, have left and the nearby tank park, together with the tank park on the Goldberger Chaussee, have been vacated. The units located on Güstrow airfield have all left and the Hotel Erbrossherzog once again has been released by the Soviets.

The various military accommodations in Güstrow now are occupied only by small rear parties. The guard at Güstrow airfield is only forty strong, and there remains only a small Komendatura in the John Brinkmann Strasse.

The Priemerwalde Munitions Dump near Güstrow also recently has been vacated. [redacted] the remaining stocks there are to be blown up. The majority of the workers at the dump have been dismissed in recent weeks. 50X1-HUM

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18. Leave for certain German State Railroad personnel in the Soviet Zone has been cancelled for 14 days as of 25 June in connection with priority requirements for troop transports.

19. Soviet troops are being withdrawn from some areas west of the Elbe, where all supplies, such as cloth, are to be distributed immediately to the German population.

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20. Glauchau

During the first half of May a heavy armored unit entered Glauchau from the east. The passage of the unit past a given point in the town took half an hour. The armored vehicles and the accompanying trucks and cars were all in brand new condition.

The large barracks in Glauchau are being pulled down and the materials salvaged are being used to construct within the barracks area half underground reinforced concrete shelters with walls some 400 mm thick. Armored vehicles are parked in these shelters as soon as they are completed.

21. Rathenow

Rathenow contains the following: an artillery headquarters and an artillery brigade of two regiments. There are about one hundred and fifty 150 mm guns with movers and about sixteen 210 mm guns with their movers.

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22. Halle

A number of new trucks recently have appeared in Halle,

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